

Beaver Colony's Report 2013-14

Ontario Colony has had consistently 16 children throughout the last year.

Activities

The Beavers have worked very hard this year and have earned several activity badges as well as working towards their stage badges.

And this includes such badges as their Friendship, creative and Global Challenge badges. And their stage 1 IT Stage 1, First aid and may other activity based badges such as Air, creative, experiment and imagination

More than have 8 beavers achieved their Bronze awards this year, and a big well done to them all!

Summer Term

In the summer term, the Beavers worked hard to gain their Fitness challenge badge, and included an exciting walk to Asda to identify healthy type of food followed by a well earned ice-cream at the end. And on the following week the Beavers prepared a host of healthy meals including such menu items as "New York Bagels", "Tasmanian Devilled eggs" and a "Roman soldier salad"!

We also visited Circus Wonderland and this trip was enjoyed by all, including the leaders. And to finish of the summer we visited the Vale of white Horse gliding club where we had great time learning about gliding, and being treated to a spectacular thunder storm right in the middle of this activity.

Winter Term

The winter term started off with our annual Bowmoor Fun day which included the Beavers camping overnight. And for the term we decided to complete the Creative challenge Badge which focused around the "Bear hunt" story, which included a walk around Coate water, where the Beavers collected lots of "art" materials to allow them to model a real bear cave for themselves the following week. We also had a visit from a Guide dog where the Beavers learned about what it was like to be blind, and during this night the Beavers bought in donations, which at the end of the evening amounted to more than £50. So well done to the Beavers for raising so much money for a very good cause. Lastly at the end of the term we had a Christmas visit to the Cinema where we watched Smurfs 2 while eating popcorn and hotdogs.

Spring Term

Spring term was a very busy time where the Beaver worked very hard to gain their Experimental Challenge badge, their Friendship challenge badge, the IT stage 1 badge and their First Aid stage 1 badge! For the Experimental badge the Beavers took part in crystal growing, experimenting with magnets and learning all about the electrify work of electricity. And for the Friendship Challenge badge, we did Chinese New Year, a St David's night, and a visit to Swindon Ambulance station and I would like to say many thanks to one of our parent helpers who arrange this visit for us.

For the IT stage 1, the beaver s were very privilege to be allow to complete this badge at North Star Swindon college IT suite, and I can only again say a big thank you to one of my section assistants for arranging this.

And last but not least, the First aid stage 1 badge was completed. And again, I can only say a big thank you to the parent helpers that volunteered to help out.

Leaders

At the start of the autumn term I myself stepped down from the Chairman exec role to take a more active part in the Beavers section, and took over the running of the section with my trusted team of section assistants Gerry Kane, Vicky Owen, Clair Dash, Bonnie Renard, Derek Smith, Richard Ryan and our two young Leaders Nick Wyatt and Michael Smith, and I would like to say a big thank you to them for all their support, help, time and enthusiasm. Especially during the spring term, when I had a very unfortunate accident on a skateboard, and was unable to attend for most of the term.

Parents

Again I would like to say a big thank you from the Beaver leadership team to our regular parents who are help out as without them some of these activities would not go ahead

THANK YOU

Alan Kelly